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Deborah Taylor Tate FCC Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street SW, 8-A204 Washington, DC 20554

Re: MB Docket 07-42

Dear Deborah Tate:

Cable companies are announcing another round of rate hikes, and they want me to pay extra to get the NFL Network. This isn't fair - and I know the FCC is looking into how to resolve these types of disputes. I urge you to change the rules to allow for a fair and fast mediation process with an arbitrator to make sure that football fans aren't blocked from watching football programming anymore - and that other people also get to watch the programs that interest them.

My cable bill gets bigger and bigger, but I probably watch less than half the channels that I get. I want to get the NFL Network, but I don't think I should have to pay extra for it - after all, the cable companies make me buy other sports channels that they own, like the Golf Channel and Versus, in the basic package, even though I'd rather watch NFL Network.

Cable companies are taking advantage of the millions of football fans in this country and singling them out to pay extra for the premium sports package. Unless this is resolved quickly, there will be a huge public outcry in just a few weeks as the NFL Network starts telecasting regular season games on Thanksgiving night.

I hope the FCC will change its rules to allow for an arbitrator in these kinds of disputes. Football fans and other consumers shouldn't have to pay the price when a simple solution could be made available.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Theresa Wittwer